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1. Very small reserves of mined coal are available in Poland. Power stations and industrial enterprises usually have about a week's supply in reserve. Apart from this, the only reserve available is the actual coal in transit. Therefore, total reserves never exceed two or three million tons of which about twenty per cent would be high-grade coking coal.
2. Total reserves of unmined Polish coal are estimated at 12,000 million tons of which approximately 30 per cent is high-grade coking coal.
3. Actual figures of Polish coal exports to the Soviet Union are not available, but it is estimated that they amount to approximately 10 million tons of coal and 500,000 tons of coke per year.
4. A large amount of coke is exported to East Germany. Exact figures are not available but it is certainly over one million tons per year. Small amounts of coke are also exported to Czechoslovakia. Due to internal shortage of coke, Poland is finding it very difficult to meet her export commitments, especially to East Germany.

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